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Examiner: Chankong, Dohm

In re the application of: Susai et al.

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FOR EFFICIENTLY POOLING CONNECTIONS

BETWEEN CLIENTS AND SERVERS

Attorney Docket No.: 2006579-0454 (CTX-170RCE)

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment and Response is filed responsive to the non-Final Office Action dated December 12, 2006, the response period for which is extended to May 12, 2007, by the accompanying Request for a Two Month Extension of Time. In view of the comments set forth below, Applicants respectfully urge reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.